GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6530
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NAVI MUMBAI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have rejected proposals of the Navi Mumbai Jawaharlal Nehru Port authorities seeking funds for the development and expansion of their facilities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a coastal regulation zone rule which restricts the development of areas upto 500 mtrs. from the high tideline;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) has sought a plan with a more reasonable time frame guided by the perspectives of coastal zone management principles; and

(f) if so, the details of the said plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) According to the notification issued by the Central Government vide S.O.114(E) dated 19th February, 1991 under Section 3(1) and Section 3(2)
(v) of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 and Rule 5(3)(d) of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the coastal stretches of seas, bays, estuaries, creeks, rivers and backwaters which are influenced by tidal action (in the landward side) upto 500 metres from the High Tide Line (HTL) and the land between the Low Tide Line (LTL) and the HTL have been declared as Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and restrictions have been imposed on the setting up and expansion of industries, operations or processes, etc. in the said CRZ. Under the notification, operational constructions for ports and harbours and light houses and constructions for activities such as jetties, wharves, quays and slipways, pipelines, conveying systems including transmission lines will require environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India.

(e) & (f) Out of about 2584 hectares of land acquired by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust in 1984 for development of the Port, about 1224 hectares fall in the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ)Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust has requested Ministry of Environment & Forests for relaxation of existing CRZ regulations to permit utilization of the land falling in CRZ-I
(i),
(ii) and CRZ-II for Port related/relevant activities.In a meeting held on 6.1.2003, the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authorities, inter alia, explained to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) that the land was acquired by the Port in 1984 i.e. prior to the issue of notification by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in 1991. Keeping in view the long term development plans of the Port, NCZMA was requested to relax the CRZ Regulations. However, NCZMA has, inter-alia, advised the Port Trust to submit a revised proposal indicating the area required for specific projects keeping in view the growth of the port during the next 10 years.